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Re: Application of: LINDEN, Joannes Leonard, et al.  
Serial No.: To be assigned  
Filed: Herewith  
For: **METHOD FOR DEPOSITING  
INORGANIC/ORGANIC FILMS**

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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July 12, 2004

Sir:

Pursuant to M.P.E.P. §609 and 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97-1.99, Applicants herewith submit form PTO-1449 (1 sheet), which lists references cited in the International Search Report (ISR) dated May 2, 2003 and of which Applicants are aware for the present application. An English translation of the French language document (Ref. A7) is not presently available. A copy of the ISR is attached hereto. It is noted that the Applicants have not enclosed a copy of the U.S. patents cited on form PTO-1449.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists. While the term "references" is used in citing the U.S. patents called to the Examiner's attention herein, Applicants do not make any admission that each or all of them are "prior art" references within the meaning of the statutory and case law.

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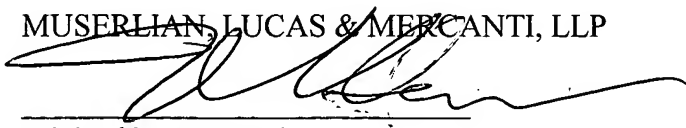
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